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Qa'id-e-Azam Explains Political Situation

HINT FOR SOLUTION OF HINDU-MUSLIM PROBLEM

The view that if Mr. Gandhi added a fourteenth point to his thirteen points of constructive programme namely, Pakistan, then a solution of the Hindu-Muslim problem would be easy was expressed by Qa'id-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah addressing the fifth session of the All-India Muslim Students' Federation at Nagpur on December 26 last.

Referring to the Huq episode Mr. Jinnah said, "I make a Christmas present of Mr. Fazlul Huq to Lord Linlithgow. I make a new year's gift of the Nawab of Dacca to the Governor of Bengal. I am glad that the Muslim League is rid of them. I am confident that the League will emerge stronger without these men who are guilty of gross breach of faith and betrayal of the Muslims in India. No man is indispensable in our organisation."

The following is the full text of the Qa'id-e-Azam's presidential address:

"Members of the All-India Muslim Students' Federation, ladies and gentlemen,

"Although I find a large gathering of my young friends there is also a fairly large gathering of non-students. As I hinted last night, my chief object is to address particularly my young friends. The All-India Muslim Students' Federation was started about four or five years ago and I would, my young friends, draw your attention in the first instance to your constitution. The aims and objects of your constitution which you must always keep in front of you and faithfully and loyally abide by, are to organise the Muslim students of India into a corporate body through provincial autonomous units and safeguard the interests of the Muslim student community. You know that the Muslim student community has at all times and particularly in these days got to safeguard their own interests. You may have many complaints. You may have many grievances. But it is by being in a corporate body that you can have your grievances redressed. I find that you have in that direction made many efforts and you had to face many troubles. That is one of your aims and objects.

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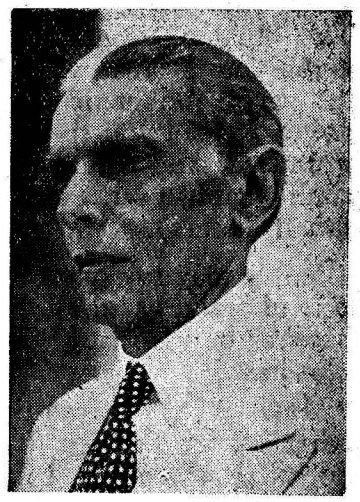
"Secondly, your aim is also to rouse the political consciousness amongst the Muslim students and to prepare them to take their proper share in the struggle for the freedom of the country. It is because of this that I have accepted the honour of presiding over your session to-day. It is because of this that I want to tell you what are the issues in front of you. I want to tell you that in the language of your own constitution—namely, to prepare you to take your proper share in the struggle for the freedom of the country. And, as such, let me shortly tell you that your Federation has made a remarkable progress in the last two years. I hope that you will grow, and grow still more. You must remember that I have repeatedly said that you are not expected to take active part in the political developments that are taking place from day to day, from week to week and from month to month; your primary duty to yourself, to your parents and to your nation is that you should concentrate your attention on your studies while you are students. Remember that if you fritter away your precious and valuable time in other activities, while you are students, that time frittered away, that time wasted, will never come back. But, while that is your primary duty to yourself, to your parents and to your nation, at the same time you must keep yourself abreast of the political, social and economic developments in the country—not only in this country but the world at large. It is for this reason that I have always willingly accepted any invitation from the gatherings of Muslim students.



"Now, with regard to your domestic affairs, how you should devise ways and means of further consolidating your organisation and creating solidarity and unity among the Muslim students all over India, you will, I have no doubt, apply your mind now and after full deliberation pass such resolutions as you think proper.

League Growing

"Next, you must remember, side by side with this preparation of yours for the future responsibilities which are bound to fall on your shoulders, that there is the All-India Muslim League organisation which is growing, and it is growing by leaps and bounds all over India. The Muslim League, during the last three years, has made not only remarkable progress but a miraculous progress. (Cheers). You must, therefore, keep abreast of the movements and activities and developments of the All-India Muslim League and its policy and programme. My young friends, to-day you compare yourself with what was the position of the Muslims even three years ago. Five years

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